

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

ELBERT D. SMITH, II,	§	
PLAINTIFFS,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CASE No. 3:19-CV-2892-K-BK
	§	
CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS,	§	
DEFENDANT.	§	

ORDER

On December 9, 2019, Plaintiff filed this action and paid the \$400.00 filing fee. Having paid the filing fee, Plaintiff is responsible for obtaining summonses and effecting service of process on Defendant as required by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Based on the filing date, Defendant should have been served by March 9, 2020. As of the date of this order, however, no return of service has been filed.

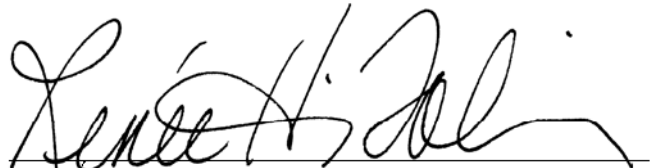
If a defendant is not served within 90 days after the complaint is filed, the court -- on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff -- must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time. But if the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court must extend the time for service for an appropriate period.

FED. R. CIV. P. 4(m). In the interest of justice, the Court will extend the deadline for effectuating service to **April 24, 2020**. Plaintiff is placed on notice that this case may be dismissed under Rule 4(m) without further notice unless he completes service of process on Defendant or shows good cause for the failure to do so by that date.

Additionally, Plaintiff was previously advised of his obligation to register as a user of the Court's electronic filing system, as required by Local Civil Rule within 14 days of filing this

lawsuit. Doc. 2 at 1. However, a review of the docket sheet reveals that Plaintiff has not done so. Thus, in the interest of justice, the Court will extend the deadline. Accordingly, Plaintiff is **ORDERED** to register to use the Court's electronic filing system **no later than April 24, 2020**. Instructions for registering as a *pro se* litigant may be found online at <https://ecf.txnd.uscourts.gov/AttorneyReg>. Again, Plaintiff's failure to comply or show good cause to be exempt from this requirement by that deadline may result in the dismissal of this case without further notice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

SO ORDERED on April 3, 2020.



RENEE HARRIS TOLIVER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE